

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 17, 25 and 33. Claims 1-40 remain in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure due to minor informalities.

In response, the Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this objection.

Claims 1-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lowry (U.S. Patent No. 6,718,371).

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Lowry does not disclose all of the claimed features. Namely, the Applicants' invention includes in part "...generating a unique request identification... appending the unique request identification to a content file... returning the content file to the service..."

In contrast, Lowry merely discloses "...distributed directory-enabled applications using an XML API...and...provides an event system, a parser, and a bridge-based object model." (see Abstract of Lowry). Although Lowry discloses an XML-based integrated services framework with an event system, Lowry does **not** disclose the Applicants' claimed generating a unique request identification, appending the unique request identification to a content file and returning the content file to the service. Instead, Lowry specifically states that the "...event system includes the ability to publish an event, subscribe to the event, and act on the event. The parser enables the XML API to parse XML files by accepting an XML file as an input stream, parsing the input stream, dynamically loading system services referenced in the input stream, and configuring the services..."

Although Lowry discloses "It is desired to provide an XML integrated services ("XIS") framework utilizing a flexible, cross-protocol, cross-language API for distributed directory-enabled applications by providing both a high level of interactivity and modular dynamic components with a common object model for both clients and servers" (see col. 1, lines 56-58), Lowry fails to disclose the Applicants' generating a unique request identification, appending the unique request identification to a content file and returning the content file to the service. Therefore, since the claimed elements of the Applicants'

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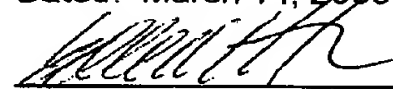
claimed invention are not disclosed by Lowry, it cannot anticipate the claims, and hence, the Applicants submit that the rejection should be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575 if the Examiner has any questions or concerns. Please note that all correspondence should continue to be directed to:

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